including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have been alerted to intensify preventive measures to check smuggling of cigarettes as well as other contraband goods into the country. The Customs Department through Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had, recently on 29-5-2001, organised an all-India operation directed against the suspected persons engaged in the storage/sale of smuggled cigarettes, which resulted in seizure of smuggled cigarettes having an estimated value of Rs. 14.62 lakhs (approx.). It is proposed to continue such preventive measures.

Bogus Pay order of Madhavpura Bank

266. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bogus pay order issued by Madhavpura Mercantile Co-operative Bank, Mumbai Branch for Rs. 130 crore on Bank of India;

(b) how much bogus pay order was cleared by bank of India; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to recover the loss of the above stated Nationalised bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Bank of India (BOI) have reported that the pay orders issued by Madhavpura Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd. (MMCBL) and purchased by BOI were not bogus. Pay orders are issued by banks only for value received and are used as instruments

of 'Inter Bank Settlements'. Hence, the instruments purchased by the BOI were genuine. The details of the pay orders issued by MMCBL and purchased by BOI for Ketan Parekh Group are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

s. No.	Date of Pay Order	Issued in Favour of	Amount
1.	8 March, 2001	Classic Credit Ltd.	10.00
2.	-do-	-do-	10.00
3.	-do-	-do-	12.00
4.	-do-	Panther Fin. Cap. & Management Services Ltd.	10.00
5.	-do-	-do-	10.00
6.	-do-	Panther Investrade Ltd.	10.00
7.	9 March, 2001	Panther Fin. Cap. & Management Services Ltd.	12.00
8.	-do-	Classic Credit Ltd.	13.00
9.	-do-	-do-	10.00
10.	-do-	Panther Fin. Cap. & Management Services Ltd.	10.00
11.	-do-	Panther Investrade Ltd.	10.00
12.	-do-	Panther Fin. Cap. & Management Services Ltd.	10.00
13.	-do-	Classic Credit Ltd.	10.00
		TOTAL:	137.00

(c) The bank lodged FIR with Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 28-03-2001 against Ketan Parekh group of Companies, its promoters/directors and officials of MMCBL. the bank also filed recovery Applications in Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), Mumbai on 9 April 2001 against the companies of Ketan Parekh Group. The bank also filed application in DRT, Mumbai against Madhavpura Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd., its directors, signatories of the above pay orders for recovery of Rs. 144.53 crores (including interest up to the date of filing of the application).

External aid receipts and debt service payments

267. SHRI KHAGEN DAS**:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that external aid receipts and debt services payments from April to January in this fiscal year 2000-2001 resulted in a net outflow of Rs. 3647 crores whereas there was an outflow of only 2365 crores in the corresponding period in the last fiscal year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for heavy increase of outflow; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to curb it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The figures reflect the net external assistance position taking into account the gross disbursements and debt service payments both on Government and non-Government accounts.

(b) The main reasons for the increased outflow upto end January 2001 as compared to January, 2000 were pre-payment of 8 high cost IBRD loans involving additional outflow of Rs. 580 crores and slower pace of disbursements in respect of non-Government projects.